



RECEIVES GRANT — The town of Mentone was recently awarded a \$500,000 Community Focus Fund grant by Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan to be used for a new senior center, day care and library. Pictured from left are Emma Lou Hiers, senior center representative; Bob Murphy, grant writer; Linda Cochran, Bell Memorial Public Library member; and Lorna Klein, library director; Pam Brower, day care board; and State Rep. Kent Adams. (Photo provided)

Kernan awards grant to Mentone

Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan recently awarded the town of Mentone a \$500,000 Community Focus Fund grant to create a multipurpose community center. Mentone will use the funding to rehabilitate the Frank Manufacturing Building to create a senior center,

day care and library.

"We're thrilled to support Mentone's plans to create a facility that will serve residents of all ages," said Kernan, who serves as director of the Indiana Department of Commerce. "This project will benefit the entire community."

CFF is a federally funded grant program administered by IDC. The funding is available to small cities, towns and counties for construction projects designed to benefit low-to-moderate-income individuals or

to eliminate blight in communities. Grants are awarded through competitive funding rounds to assist small communities in long-term development projects.

Projects eligible for CFF grants include infrastructure improvements, childcare facilities, senior and community centers, downtown revitalization, fire stations and fire trucks. Up to \$500,000 is available per applicant. A match of at least 10 percent is required from the grant recipient.



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